

RE: Convoy Updates - February 13th

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Latest update on POEs from CBSA below sir, and the last RCMP sitrep of the evening for Ottawa.

[RCMP] Situation as of 1914 hrs on 2022-02-13

Event Overview:

- * **Approximately 10 demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- * **Approximately 150-200 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core** at this time.
- * OPS estimate that there are **505 trucks in the downtown core**.

Communications:

- * Media continue reporting on the tentative agreement struck between the Ottawa Mayor and the convoy organizers. Several articles are also reporting on two CAF members under investigation for their active role in the protests.
- * A media request was received from the CBC asking if the RCMP had received a plan from OPS for how it would use the requested officers/reinforcements following the publishing of the Toronto Star article stating that the OPS did not have any substantial plan in place. Approved media lines were provided.

[CBSA] New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

Ambassador Bridge

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- * There have been 25 arrests in total today.
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- * The Windsor Tunnel remains open. Higher traffic volumes reported but no delays. Windsor Police is on site in the event protestors attempt to impede traffic flow.

Peace Bridge

- * No delay at Peace Bridge Commercial. Two truck lines scheduled from 1600-2000.
- * No protestors are present at corner of Central and Garrison. NRPS is maintaining highly visible presence.

- * No reports of vehicles in the traffic or commercial staff parking lots between 1630-1830.
- * Law enforcement have cleared all vehicles off of nearby roads. There is a heavy police presence in the area. No commercial motor vehicles (CMV). 15-20 protestors left (on foot).
- * The Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) has been directed by law enforcement to discontinue facilitating the movement of US Bound Commercial Motor vehicles (CMV). All CMVs have been directed to go to Queenston Bridge Commercial
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- * The blockade remains in place at various points north of the town of Coutts (Milk River).
- * Both RCMP and USCBP are diverting southbound traffic to alternative ports nearby including Del Bonita, and Carway.
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of POE		
Overseas · New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests · France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) · Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests		

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

- * Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. A vehicle penalty was paid. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
- * Two Canadian Citizens participated in the “Freedom Convoy” protest at Pacific Highway and entered through the United States to travel back into Canada at Douglas Port of Entry. Clients were asymptomatic, not in possession of a valid pre-arrival negative COVID-19 test and were not vaccinated. They were referred to PHAC for enforcement and direction to quarantine. Exam was non-resultant and clients departed the port of entry.

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 12, 2022, at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure remains low.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- * Nothing to report.

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- * Nothing to report.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Sault Ste. Marie

- * As of 1837, three protesters remain on site, two SSM vehicles remain on site
- * As of 1412, three demonstrators are on foot across the street from the POE waving at traffic. No protester vehicles have been observed. SSM Police are present.
- * No operational impacts.

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- * Arrangements have been made for positioning the Public Order Unit Quick Response Team to remain in the area for the next 4-7 days, depending on the situation.

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PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Gretna

- * As of 1750 ET, the BWT has been reduced to under 15 minutes.
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- * Communications and border alerts identify that the port has temporarily suspended services and indicate that commercial traffic should divert to alternate Designated Commercial Offices.
- * Current extended hours have been coordinate with USCBP at:
 - * Del Bonita (09:00 – 22:00 MT) Monday to Friday
 - * Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun (February 12 & 13 only at this time).
 - * Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week
- * USCBP has been reluctant to expand hours on a short and long term basis. Rather, USCBP have agreed to assess this need on a daily basis (at midday).
- * CBP has advised that cattle haulers can be processed at any of their POEs in Idaho/Montana due to the current circumstances.
- * Cattle haulers will be processed at the port of arrival and will be directed to the US veterinarian at the port of Sweetgrass, Montana.
- * The veterinarian will complete the inspection of the animals at that point. Cattle haulers will then be free to deliver animals to destination.

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- * Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- * Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- * Roosevelt, BC
- * North Portal, SK

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Manitoba

Regular Travellers:

- * Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- * Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- * Boissevain (24/7)
- * Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- * Boissevain and Sprague

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- * Feb 13, 2022, as of 1500 PT, RCMP officers are continuing to verbally engage with protesters that are primarily congregating just north of 1st Avenue & 176th, which is located just outside of POE property. Four protestor vehicles have returned onsite to block southbound lanes north of 1st Avenue and 176th Street. The number of protesters in attendance has risen (200+) since the last update at 1120 PT. Approximately 50 peaceful protesters are standing on the US side of the border and providing vocal support for the Canadian protesters. RCMP continues to remain in the vicinity with various checkpoints in place to limit volumes and will continue to coordinate with CBSA.
- * As of 12:45 PT, approximately 40 RCMP officers are currently speaking with protesters that were congregating at the Canada/USA marker and 1st Avenue & 176th (just off POE property). At time of writing, two protesters have been observed being arrested by the RCMP. Two vehicles that were blocking southbound lanes at 1st Ave and 176th street were observed leaving along 0 avenue with RCMP in a peaceful manner. At this time, protesters have not been observed advancing onto POE property. The POE remains open and staffed.

- * The CBSA issued a Border Alert message to clients/stakeholders and CBSA Communications have released media products advising of the service delays at the POE recommending that clients seek entry at nearby POEs.

Paterson

- * More protesters arrived – approximately 10 vehicles with 25 people; protest remains peaceful. One lane remains open for traffic.
- * Protesters are still at the Port of Paterson. A vehicle left to go get supplies and fuel for the protesters and one more vehicle showed up.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

POE Name	Province	s.37 POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	No
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No
St. Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No

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Subject: RE: Convoy Updates - February 13th

Evening GOC update below sir, as well as CBSA's detailed sitrep of the POEs:

New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 13 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with need-to-know.

BLUF

- * On 13 Feb, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to gain control of the blockaded area near the Ambassador Bridge with arrests being made and vehicles being towed. Open sources indicate that the

Windsor Police hope to reopen the Ambassador Bridge and the roadway leading to it later today should conditions permit. [Link](#)

- * Open sources indicate that the City of Ottawa has come to an agreement with several protest leaders that could lead to approx. 70 per cent of trucks and cars leave the residential areas in the downtown core over the next 24 hours and possibly relocate to the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway. [Link](#)
- * As per ITAC: Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
- * For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- * Approx. 50-100 people on Parliament Hill and 1,000 people on surrounding streets. When safe to do so, police resources continue to intervene when protesters are seen bringing material support into the red zone. (as of 14:20 13 Feb).
 - * Counter-protesters block convoy vehicles on Ottawa streets. [Link](#)
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- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Windsor, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, police enforcement actions continue with reports of arrests being made and vehicles towed. Open sources indicate that the Windsor Police hope to reopen the Ambassador Bridge and the roadway leading to it later today should conditions permit. [Link](#)
 - * Police break up remaining protest at Windsor's Ambassador Bridge, make 12 arrests. [Link](#)
- * NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.

Sarnia, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, the Blue Water Bridge remains open in both directions. Sarnia POE remains open with no delays reported.

Fort Erie, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, Fort Erie POE is open for commercial and traveller traffic, with only minor delays reported by CBSA.

Cornwall, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, the Cornwall POE remains open.

Emerson, MB:

- * As of 13 Feb, the blockade remains north of the POE. Some traveler traffic is able to enter Canada but commercial and other traffic is rerouted to adjacent POEs. RCMP will continue letting livestock vehicles through.

Coutts (Port of Entry):

- * All services have been temporarily suspended at Coutts POE as of 14:00 EST 12 Feb, as protesters continue to block the highway leading to the POE. Commercial and traveler traffic is crossing at nearby POEs.

- * NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Toronto, ON:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity.
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Winnipeg, MB:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity.
- * NOTAM is in effect restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg until 14 Feb.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Regina, SK and Regway POE:

- * No major impacts are reported.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Fredericton, NB:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity.
 - * Smaller crowd gathers for colder day 3 of Fredericton protest. [Link](#)
- * NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Halifax, NS:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Vancouver, BC and Metro area:

- * As of 13 Feb, no delays reported at Pacific POE by CBSA. On 12 Feb, several vehicles including a military-style vehicle broke through an RCMP barricade in south Surrey, BC, on their way to the Pacific Hwy POE.
 - * Protesters force highway closure at Canada-US border in Surrey as rallies enter 3rd weekend. [Link](#)
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

Montreal, QC:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity.
- * No further reporting unless the situation evolves.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

- * As per ITAC:
 - * Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
 - * The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.

- * The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
- * IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- * Brussels braces for 'freedom convoy' protesting coronavirus restrictions. [Link](#)

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Maritime/CCG:

- * As of 13 Feb, there is nothing of significance to report and risk levels continue to be low for protests on the water and disruption to marine traffic and port activities.
- * In Atlantic Canada, MSOC/Transport Canada confirmed there is no intelligence to suggest any planned protest activity for near future.
 - * Furthermore, it does not appear that the disruption around the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie is causing an impact in traffic delays, nor is it creating a spill-over to the Queenston-Lewiston POE.
- * Disruptions on the Ambassador Bridge are not affecting operations at the nearby Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry (DWTF) at this time.
- * All 3 MSOCs will continue to monitor for vessel traffic anomalies and other reports and information on maritime activities.

Foreign Interference:

- * RRM Canada has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-linked interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- * Similar demonstrations have emerged across various democratic states inspired by the Ottawa demonstrations with indications of more planned in places like the US, today (Super Bowl) and in the weeks to come.
- * A fake image of snipers at the Ambassador Bridge circulated on Twitter for a short time before being debunked. The image was originally from an unrelated context in 2013. This discussion overall has received limited engagement on Twitter.
- * RRM Canada notes that a significant proportion of content and engagement online has been driven by organic activity by average users and citizens.

Financing:

- * Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.
- * No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC. [Link](#)
- * TD Bank freezes accounts that received money for Canada protests. [Link](#)

Policing Issues of Note:

- * RCMP is assisting in various impacted areas across the country and is focused on areas where enforcement or the risk of escalation is most acute. RCMP does not hold contracts with tow companies nor can they be compelled to assist in removing vehicles at protest sites.

CSIS/CSE:

- * No concerns at this time.

Social Media Analysis:

- * A video has been circulating on social media of a roadside interaction between an OPP officer and occupants of a passenger vehicle who were stopped on their way to protest in Ottawa . [Link](#)
- * Social media posts have been circulating showing photos of a counter protest on 13 Feb at intersection of Bank and Riverside in Ottawa. Counter protesters are shown blocking protester vehicles. [Link](#)

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- * The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- * Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- * There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

[CBSA] Update as of 2022-02-13 1700 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

SOUTHERN ONTARIO (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- * The area to the immediate South of the Ambassador Bridge has been cleared of protestors however the roadway and local access roads remains closed at this time. Law enforcement partners are working on a traffic plan and hardening for stability of the situation, before the bridge can be re-opened to traffic.
- * The RCMP, OPP supplemented by other municipal police forces are in the process of re-establishing public order to support the Windsor Police Service in the protest area.
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QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- * There is a planned unconfirmed protest event for February 19, 2022, at the Lacolle border crossing. Quebec Region is continuing to monitor with the Sûreté du Québec and the RCMP.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Fort Frances

- * As of 1554 ET, protesters and the OPP have left the area. No operational impact.
- * As of 1436, it is believed that the protest has increased in size, but this can not be observed from the POE itself due to local buildings interfering with sightlines. Note: OPP has been on-site since 0500h

Sault Ste. Marie

- * As of 1412, three demonstrators are on foot across the street from the POE waving at traffic. No protester vehicles have been observed. SSM Police are present
- * No operational impacts.

MCIA

- * As of 1425, a lone protester vehicle, identified as a truck with flags, has been observed by Ottawa Police driving around the public roadways at the airport

Lansdowne

- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 1100 ET, OPP reporting two separate occurrences of pickup trucks with flags showing up at the toll booth from 401 before turning around and returning to 401. No operational impact.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTA)

- * Toronto Pearson Intl Airport: Peel Regional Police service is engaged and monitoring social media. No activities for TPIA identified to date.
- * Billy Bishop Airport: Toronto Police Services engaged. Some downtown roads are closed due to protest activities. The airport is accessible and no protest activities have been identified for that location.
- * No impact to CBSA operations reported. Local police agencies are engaged should any activity arise.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

- * Intel received developing information concerning a foreign national who claimed interest in attending the protest in Ottawa and alluded to threats against the PM. Information has not been verified. Individual has no passage history as of Feb 12, 2022, at 20:00 hrs and is negative in all CBSA databases. Region in proximity to the individual's residence (US) is engaged. Intelligence Alert to be distributed.

Ambassador Bridge

- * The Public Order Unit is currently present at the plaza at Huron Church & Tecumseh Road as there are protestors refusing to leave.
- * There have been 15 arrests in total today
- * Incident Command (IC) is working on hardening the areas that have been cleared of protestors so that CBSA will be able to open the Ambassador Bridge
- * There is social media discussion among protest organizers calling for a meeting tomorrow, on private property to plan for next steps. There is indication that Americans are coming on board. Unknown as to specific details
- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 1230 ET, the bridge has been cleared. Law enforcement partners are working on a traffic plan and hardening for stability of the situation, before the bridge can be opened to traffic.
- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 1130 ET, police have arrested 10 protestors and two vehicles have been towed from Huron Church Road.
- * Huron Church Road has been cleared and controlled by the POU (Public Order Unit).

Shopping plaza at Huron Church and Tecumseh still contains pedestrians / bystanders and they have been informed by the OPP that they should leave or be arrested.

- * Law enforcement partners are working on a traffic plan and hardening for stability of the situation, before the bridge can be opened to traffic
- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 0945 ET, police have effected 5 arrests thus far, one with a soft control/hands on force. Two trucks on site to remove the 2 remaining vehicles. POU has cleared Huron Church from Millen through Girardot. They are moving toward Tecumseh.

Peace Bridge

- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 1130 ET, the protestors at Corner of Central Ave. and Garrison Rd. were ticketed by NRP and left. However, soon after those protestors departed they were replaced by a new group of protestors of similar size to the first group.

- * Commercial operations is seeing several vehicles making similar Parkway parade loops as yesterday displaying Canadian Flags. There have been 2 New York plated vehicles sited participating who are also displaying Canadian Flags.
- * The Peace Bridge Authority has advised that they are directing 5-6 US bound trucks through the west end Duty Free service gate.
- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 0945 ET, no delay at Peace Bridge Commercial.
- * Feb 13, 2022: As of 0945 ET, protesters (1 vehicle) have arrived at Garrison Road and Central Avenue which continue to be blocked off by LE. Highway remains closed at Gilmore Road. LE continue to monitor access to the bridge and permitting legitimate traffic through after discussion and authorization from the EOC Duty Officer (on site inspector). Additional vehicles have parked in the turnaround area next to 10 Central Ave. Approximately 5 – 6 protesters walking around the area being monitored by LE.

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- * Passenger traffic is proceeding and directed north through the town of Emerson
- * Most of the diverted commercial traffic is crossing through Gretna, with Tolstoi and Winkler seeing some of this traffic, as well. Gretna and Tolstoi will continue to remain open until 22:00
- * A large increase in volumes is anticipated at the beginning of the work week. CBP is deploying some officers to Warroad (Sprague) to assist with the increase in traffic volumes being experienced at this location
- * The blockade remains in place north of the POE, some local traveller traffic is able to enter Canada but commercial and other traffic is rerouted to adjacent ports of entry.
- * RCMP update that protesters will continue letting livestock vehicles through.

Coutts

- * The blockade remains in place at various points north of the town of Coutts (Milk River)

- * Overnight report was calm, despite the number of personal motor vehicles rising to 880 at CP10.
- * A small pedestrian group forming on the border again (near Coutts ball diamonds on either side). It appears as though many of the people on foot from the Canadian side are locals.
- * Current protestor vehicle numbers as of 0800hrs:

CP 10 - 302 PMVs, 26 CMVs, 27 TRACTORS, 154 RVs

COUTTS – SB Lane - 15 CMVs, 2 PMVs,

COUTTS NB Lane - 23 CMVs, 1 PMV, 2 TRACTORS

SALOON - 6 CMVs 4 PMVs, 10 RVs, 16 TRACTORS(forming the blockade)

CP5 - 8 RVs, 2 Enclosed utility trailers hooked up, 30 PMVS

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- * Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- * Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- * Roosevelt, BC
- * North Portal, SK

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Manitoba

Regular Travellers:

- * Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- * Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- * Boissevain (24/7)
- * Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- * Boissevain and Sprague

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- * As of 12:45 PT, approximately 40 RCMP officers are currently speaking with protesters that were congregating at the Canada/USA marker and 1st Avenue & 176th (just off POE property). At time of writing, two protesters have been observed being arrested by the RCMP. Two vehicles that were blocking southbound lanes at 1st Ave and 176th street were observed leaving along 0 avenue with RCMP in a peaceful manner. At this time, protesters have not been observed advancing onto POE property. The POE remains open and staffed.
- * As of 0700, 1st Avenue & 176th (just off POE property) still has 2 vehicles and a pop-up tent blocking all the southbound lanes.
- * Pacific Highway Traffic & Commercial still have ongoing service disruption – dayshift USCBP management has advised they will continue to assist by having all traveller and commercial vehicles continue to be diverted to other POE's.
- * RCMP still have a presence at 8th & 176th
- * Port of entry operations remain open and staffed. Dayshift staff have been briefed and are aware of the on-going demonstrations. Neighbouring Pacific Highway District ports of entry have been advised and are managing all re-directed traffic. RCMP will be remaining in the vicinity with various checkpoints in place to limit volumes and will continue to coordinate with

CBSA to manage any potential protests which may occur today. At time of reporting, RCMP have reported no arrests/detentions

- * The CBSA issued a Border Alert message to clients/stakeholders and CBSA Communications have released media products advising of the service delays at the POE recommending that clients seek entry at nearby POEs.

Paterson

- * More protesters arrived – approximately 10 vehicles with 20-24 people. One lane remains open for traffic.
- * Protesters are still at the Port of Paterson. A vehicle left to go get supplies and fuel for the protesters and one more vehicle showed up.

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

Ottawa, ON:

- * As of 1424, there are approx. 50-100 people on Parliament Hill, approx. 1000 on surrounding streets and there continues to be protests and counter-protests within the city
 - * When safe to do so, police resources continue to intervene when protesters are seen bringing material support into the red zone
- Fencing around the War Memorial was removed by protesters on 12 Feb. Discussions are ongoing in regards to re-erecting the fencing when conditions permit.

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Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 3:06 PM

To: 'Blair, Bill' -Personal Info.

Cc: Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Convoy Updates - February 13th

Latest from RCMP

Event Overview:

- * **Approximately 30 demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- * **Approximately 400 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- * OPS estimate that there **are 505 trucks in the downtown core.**
- * Gatineau Police continues to monitor the group of approx. 50 in the parking lot next to the Chaudière Bridge
- * Ontario police resources are aware of the following convoys/protests at this time:
 - * Convoy of 20 personal vehicles eastbound on the 417 from Canadian Tire Centre
 - * Convoy of 40 vehicles Westbound on the 417 from 302 Coventry
 - * Counter-protest of approx. 30 people blocking Riverside at Bank
- * Information on possible upcoming demonstrations or convoys:
 - * Feb 13th at 10:00 – 90 Wellington (Terry Fox statue) – family-friendly pancake breakfast courtesy of the PPC party and Maxime Bernier
- * The current status of the interprovincial bridges remains as follows:
 - * Macdonald-Cartier Bridge is open but reduced to two lanes in each direction
 - * Alexandra Bridge is closed

- * Portage Bridge southbound is closed (except for essential workers) while northbound is open but all corridors leading to it are closed
- * Chaudière Bridge is open
- * Champlain Bridge is open

Other Events:

- * PEI and NS
 - * No protest events planned for RCMP area on February 13, 2022. There is some open source info to suggest additional protest events may be planned for February 19, 2022.
 - * New Glasgow, Westville, Nova Scotia: At 12:00 pm a group is gathering in New Glasgow where they intend to protest outside the Premiers Constituency Office (Tim Houston) in Westville. 40-50 persons are expected to participate. New Glasgow Police Services are engaged and have an operational plan in place.
 - * Nova Scotia Legislature: Legislature will remain closed to visitors tomorrow. No protester activities are scheduled or expected.

Communications:

- - * Media coverage continues to focus on enforcement efforts at Windsor, the situation in Ottawa, and developments in British Columbia.
 - * Enforcement efforts are ongoing at Windsor, with police this morning increasing the pace of arrests for those refusing to leave the blockade.
 - * During an interview with CTV's Question Period this morning, Minister Bill Blair mentioned that the federal government is prepared to invoke the Emergencies Act to see the trucker convoy protests and blockades end, calling it a "critical situation," while also saying that police need to "do their job."
 - * Media also report on the fact that PM Trudeau yesterday convened a meeting of the Incident Response Group.
 - * RCMP have updated media lines to reflect the latest announcement of the Integrated Command Centre and have shared on social media platforms. Will send an updated copy to PS for inclusion in the evergreen document.
 - * An additional media request was received by the Toronto Star asking about information received via a scanner listener of an apparent theft early this morning of a truckload of long guns in Peterborough, and looking to confirm/verify if this is true. The journalist will be referred back to either OPP or Peterborough for comment.

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Midday GOC update:

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 13 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with need-to-know.

BLUF

- * On 13 Feb, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to gain control of the blockaded area near the Ambassador Bridge with arrests being made and vehicles being towed. The Ambassador Bridge remains closed at this time.
- * On 11 Feb, Ontario declared a state of emergency (SoE). The initial SoE will last for 42 hours; Cabinet is meeting 12 Feb to ratify the order, which will then be in effect for 14 days to protect critical infrastructure such as border crossings, 400 series highways, airports, bridges, and railways.
- * As per ITAC: Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
- * For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- * Approx. 10 people on Parliament Hill and minimal people on surrounding streets, however crowds are growing (as of 09:30 13 Feb).
- * Fencing around the War Memorial was removed by protesters on 12 Feb. Discussions are ongoing in regards to re-erecting the fencing when conditions permit.
- * On 12 Feb, Ottawa Police Service announced the establishment of an Integrated Command Centre (ICC) with the RCMP and OPP. [Link](#)
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Windsor, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, police enforcement actions continue with reports of arrests being made and vehicles towed. Windsor Police is assisted by the OPP in maintaining security of the corridor using vehicles and concrete barriers between Huron Church between College Avenue and Tecumseh Road. The Ambassador Bridge remains closed at this time; the overall situation remains fluid and is ongoing.
 - * Police move to break up remaining protest at Windsor's Ambassador Bridge. [Link](#)
- * NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.

Sarnia, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, the Blue Water Bridge remains open in both directions. Sarnia POE remains open with no delays reported but the westbound Hwy 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Rd.

Fort Erie, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, protesters have left the area around the Peace Bridge and POE. Niagara Regional Police and OPP remain in the area and are blocking access to Central Ave and nearby QEW ramps. The bridge and Fort Erie POE remain open.

Cornwall, ON:

- * As of 13 Feb, the Cornwall POE remains open, following a demonstration on 12 Feb. Cornwall Police, OPP, and Akwesasne Police were on site in response to approx. 75 vehicles and 100-150 people participating.

Toronto, ON:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb. University Ave, including Queen's Park Circle, remains closed to traffic from Bloor St W to College St. The Gardiner Expy and DVP have reopened.
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.

Winnipeg, MB:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.
- * NOTAM is in effect restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg until 14 Feb.

Emerson, MB:

- * As of 13 Feb, the blockade remains north of the POE. Some traveler traffic is able to enter Canada but commercial and other traffic is rerouted to adjacent POEs. RCMP will continue letting livestock vehicles through.

Regina, SK and Regway POE:

- * No major impacts were reported at Regway POE as police had set up checkpoints along SK Hwy 6 in response to a planned convoy from Regina on 12 Feb.

Coutts (Port of Entry) and Edmonton, AB:

- * All services have been temporarily suspended at Coutts POE as of 14:00 EST 12 Feb, as protesters continue to block the highway leading to the POE. Commercial and traveler traffic is crossing at nearby POEs.
- * NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Fredericton, NB:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.
- * NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.

Halifax, NS:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.

Vancouver, BC and Metro area:

- * As of 07:00 EST 13 Feb, the highway and local roadways leading to/from the Pacific Highway remains restricted to traffic as RCMP have secured the area. Two vehicles and 4-6 protesters remain just off the POE property, blocking all southbound lanes. Approx. 50-60 protesters remain located at 4th Ave, approx. 1km north of the POE.
- * Pacific Highway POE has suspended services and traffic is being redirected to other POEs.
- * On 12 Feb, several vehicles including a military-style vehicle broke through an RCMP barricade in south Surrey, BC, on their way to the Pacific Hwy POE.
 - * Protesters force highway closure at Canada-US border in Surrey as rallies enter 3rd weekend. [Link](#)

Montreal, QC:

- * No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

- * As per ITAC:

- * Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
- * The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
- * The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
- * IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

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- * Police fire tear gas as convoy enters Paris. [Link](#)

Maritime/CCG:

- * On 12 Feb, protesters and approx. 12 vehicles in North Sydney, NS blocked the access road leading to the Marine Atlantic Ferry Terminal. Police took action to tow vehicles and no impact to ferry operations is reported.
- * Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) continue to monitor for vessel traffic anomalies and other reports and information on maritime activities.

Foreign Interference:

- * GAC's Rapid Response Mechanism team (RRM Canada) has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-linked interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy" and notes that much of the content and engagement online has been driven by organic activity by average users and citizens.
- * There has been a notable increase in activity across the American far-right, the IMVE space, conspiracy-driven communities, and anti-vaccine/COVID-disinformation groups – all of which are coalescing around the Ottawa protests, and convoy-related themes/messaging.
 - * This is not particularly unique as groups in these communities often shift focus to take advantage of the "issues of the day".
 - * There is currently no evidence of state-affiliation with regards to the fake engagements, groups and pages.

Financing:

- * Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.
- * No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC. [Link](#)
- * TD Bank freezes accounts that received money for Canada protests. [Link](#)

Policing Issues of Note:

- * RCMP is assisting in various impacted areas across the country and is focused on areas where enforcement or the risk of escalation is most acute. RCMP does not hold contracts with tow companies nor can they be compelled to assist in removing vehicles at protest sites.

CSIS/CSE:

- * No concerns at this time.

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS:

- * On 10 Feb, one of the Ottawa convoy leaders put out an address over social media, saying they will remain in Ottawa “as long as the public wants them to” and calls for the PM to resolve the issue peacefully, reiterating the point about the need to end all mandates.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- * **The majority of the events have been peaceful.**
- * **Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.**
- * **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.**

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Subject: Convoy Updates - February 13th

Good morning sir,

Few updates for you from the RCMP – notably, a trailer was reportedly stolen from Peterborough last night filled with **2,300 .22 long caliber guns** and is believed to be heading east.

Situation as of 8:30AM

There are no protestors on Parliament Hill, minimal foot traffic on Wellington St or surrounding streets.

We are monitoring several convoys that are expected to arrive in Ottawa today.

The Emerson POE remains blockaded. All other POE within Manitoba remain open and have no protestors. A large number of farm equipment, semitractors, trailers, and other vehicles remain on site. A church service is planned for 10AM. The liaison teams are engaged.

On Saturday, February 12th, 2022, the “Freedom Convoy Protests” occurred in multiple locations across British Columbia. These events occurred primarily in Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna, Fort St. John and the Osoyoos and Surrey border crossings.

The most notable was in the Lower Mainland (Surrey, Langley, Chilliwack), the convoys were extremely long, with estimates at roughly 3000-5000 vehicles, stretching from Langley to Chilliwack, then reached the RCMP checkpoint at 176th Street, and stopped and continued on foot. Pedestrians on 176th street were estimated in the thousands.

The 176th border crossing is the primary truck port for the area. This is an important economic crossing.

No arrests were made during the day. No use of force applied, no injuries to the public or police officers. As of 8PM last night, approximately 400 people remained in the protest area.

Operations overnight focused on preventing any vehicle traffic from congesting the area southbound towards the border. As of 4AM there were approximately 70 protesters on site. RCMP have all southbound lanes blocked at 16th Ave and 8th Ave on Hwy 176 towards border. Northbound lanes open.

apparently a trailer with 2,300 .22 caliber long guns was stolen from Peterborough this morning and believed to be heading east. Ive heard police are looking into gps unit that may be on board and a BOLO has been put out. INSET involved